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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER TO MOZAMBIQUE

1. NOTICIAS AUGUST 17 GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO ARRIVAL LAST NIGHT OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER LOUIS DE GUIRINGAUD, WHO IS ON A TWO DAY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE. GUIRINGAUD WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHIS-SANO AND OTHER FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. DURING HIS STAY IN MAPUTO, GUIRINGAUD IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT MARCELINO DOS SANTOS.

2. DURING A BRIEF AIRPORT INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL JOURNALIST, GUIRINGAUD MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
--FRANCE SUPPORTS THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN TO SOLVE THE RHODESIANS PROBLEM, BUT IS NOT TAKING AN ACTIVE PARTY IN IT.
-- IN THE PAST FRANCE SOLD ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

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HOWEVER, LATE LAST YEAR FRANCE DECIDED TO CANCEL ALL MILITARY SALES CONTRACTS WITH THE REPUBLIC.

--FRANCE DOES NOT HAVE ANY MILITARY FORCES IN THE ISLANDS SITUATED IN THE MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL. THE FRENCH FORCE STATIONED ON MAYOTTE IS COMPOSED OF ONLY 100 POLICE-MEN.

--WITHIN FOUR YEARS, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT PLANS TO

HOLD ANOTHER REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE IF THE PEOPLE OF
MAYOTTE WISH TO BE INDEPENDENT.

--FRANCE DOES NOT VIEW ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE SHABA
PROVINCE OF ZAIRE AS FRENCH MILITARY INTERVENTION IN
AFRICA. FRANCE MERELY TRANSPORTED EQUIPMENT TO ZAIRE.DE PREE

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